

College Policies and Procedures

HOMWORK POLICY

The purpose of homework, like school, is learning. Homework is important for students of all ages, as it helps them build on what they have already learnt in the classroom and prepares them for the next stage in their learning.

Homework is also valuable for teachers, as it helps them assess the progress of their students.

Research carried out in Australia and overseas shows a clear link between the time spent by students on out- of-class study and student achievement.

Homework helps to bridge the gap between home and school, providing a partnership between home and school. In this regard, parents are asked to be involved in their daughter's education by:

- ◆ supporting students in completing homework
- ◆ providing, if possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study
- ◆ assisting teachers to monitor homework by signing the diary weekly
- ◆ communicating with teachers about any concerns with homework or their child's approach to homework.

As a guide Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College recommends the following suggestions for home study:

- Year 7** 1 hour per night
- Year 8** 1 and a half hours per night
- Year 9** 2 hours per night
- Year 10** 2 hours per night

Homework activities may vary according to the needs of the various subject areas being studied. While most homework will consist of completing work begun in class and preparing for future lessons, students may also be given work to consolidate what they have learnt and to help them progress to the next stage in their learning.

Examples of homework set may include:

Completing work taught in class – completing examples, written responses, practising examples, etc.

Preparation is always beneficial. Students may borrow from a range of books for pleasure and for factual knowledge contained in our library. Newspapers provide an excellent source of data for many subjects.

Reading that may be set in a number of subject areas. Students need to plan their time carefully to complete such assignments. Resources may need to be gathered and notes made, questions answered and presentations planned.

Creating and designing materials for use in class or as part of assignment work.

Study notes will be beneficial for all students in preparing for exams, class tests and other forms of assessment. These are only a few of the many different forms that homework may take, and parents are encouraged to support their daughter in planning and completing any task that has been set.